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Mailu language

Mailu, or **Magi** (Magɨ), is a Papuan language of Papua New Guinea.

Mailu	
Magɨ	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Central Province
Native speakers	8,500 (2000 census)[1]
Language family	Trans–New Guinea ▪ Mailuan ▪ **Mailu**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mgu
Glottolog	mail1248 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mail1248)[2]

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Overview

Magi is a non-Austronesian language spoken by upwards of 6000 people living on the islands of Mailu, Laluoru, Loupomu and Eunuoro and along the south coast between Cape Rodney and mid-Orangerie Bay of the Central Province of Papua New Guinea. It is often referred to as 'Mailu' as one of the major villages speaking this language is the village of that name on Mailu Island. It is related to the other languages of the Mailuan family (Ma, Laua, Morawa, Neme'a, Domu and Bauwaki whose speakers live or lived inland of this area). Ma and Laua are now extinct.

Magi speakers have for a long time had close contacts and (probably extensive) integration with Austronesian speakers, with the result that there has been a significant adoption of Austronesian vocabulary (around 30–40%, particularly Magori, Gadaisu, Suau, Ouma, Yoba and Bina, of which the last three are now extinct).

In turn, Magori (as well as Yoba, Bina, and Ouma) has received significant influence from Magi.[3]

Magi itself is divided into two main groups of dialects: the eastern (Maisi/Varo) dialects, and the western (Island) dialects.

See also

- Magori language, a nearby mixed Austronesian-Papuan language

Notes

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External links

- Field research on the Magɨ language. Includes grammar descriptions and examples of words and sentences. (http://baloun.entu.cas.cz/png/wanang/wp-content/uploads/Daniels2016.pdf)
- Mailu Swadesh List by The Rosetta Project at the Internet Archive (https://archive.org/stream/rosettaproject_mgu_swadesh-1/mgu.txt)

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